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Mitsui Chemicals to notify invitation to the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and to organize “The Third Mitsui Chemicals International Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS2007)”

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (MCI) notifies to begin the invitation of the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement” from May this year.

In addition, MCI announces to hold “The Third Mitsui Chemicals International Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS2007)” in March 2007.

1. Invitation to the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”

With the aim of contributing to the sustainable development of chemistry and the chemical industry, Mitsui Chemicals has established the “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” since 2004. In particular, the Award is designed to recognize researchers who have made distinguished achievements in catalysis science. The first award ceremony for winners was held in March 2005. This will be the second award ceremony. Please see the attachment for the further details.

2. “The Third Mitsui Chemicals International Symposium on Catalysis Science 2007 (MICS2007)”

With the aim of providing a common platform for intellectual exchange to scientific talents from the world and the creation of new knowledge, “MICS2007” will be held in March 2007 to discourse about catalysis science contributing to advancements in affluent society through creation of high-performance materials and substances. The two Nobel Prize Laureates in Chemistry, Professor J-M Lehn (Louis Pasteur University in France) and Professor R.H. Grubbs (California Institute of Technology in U.S.A.), are expected to deliver the plenary lectures.

Furthermore, MCI plans to hold the Award Ceremony for the winners of “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the winners will be requested to deliver commemorative lectures at MICS2007.

MCI plays a leading role in the field of catalysis science, mainly catalysts for olefin polymers. MCI continuously works on leading-edge catalyst development by utilizing its long-standing scientific network in catalysis science contributing to

advancements in affluent society through the creation of high-performance materials and substances.

(Attachment)

- Invitation summary of the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”
- Overview of “The Third Mitsui Chemicals International Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS2007)”

Invitation summary of the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”

1. The “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”

- (1) Research field: polymerization catalysts, fine synthesis catalysts and other catalysts contributing to environmental protection
- (2) Eligible: one researcher (aged 45 years or younger at the date of April 1, 2006) who belongs to institutions of higher learning or public research institutes with the best achievements
- (3) Prize: a commemorative plaque and cash prize of ¥5 million

2. The “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”

- (1) Research field: the same as the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”
- (2) Eligible: two researchers (aged 35 years or younger at the date of April 1, 2006) with the most original achievements
- (3) Prize: a commemorative plaque and cash prize of ¥1 million

* Applicants choose either the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” or the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”.

* Details including entry requirements are posted on MCI’s website (<http://www.mitsui-chem.co.jp/e/>) or ask any inquiry to the “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” Selection Committee (E-mail: MCI-AWARD@mitsui-chem.co.jp).

* MCI plans to announce the Award’s winners on its website and in the newspapers and journals in January 2007.

<For reference, the first winners in 2005>

- The “2005 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”
Initially, MCI planned to award only one winner, but eventually selected two winners.
 - Professor Eric N. Jacobsen, Harvard University
“General asymmetric catalysts for oxidation, hydrolysis and C-C bond-forming Reactions”
 - Professor Shu Kobayashi, The University of Tokyo
“Development of novel catalysts directed toward environmentally benign organic synthesis”
- The “2005 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”
 - Associate Professor Ryoichi Kuwano, Kyushu University
“Development of new asymmetric catalysis and transition metal-catalyzed reactions”
 - Associate Professor Kenichiro Itami, Nagoya University
“Removable directing group strategy in metal catalysis”

Overview of “The Third Mitsui Chemicals International Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS2007)”

1. Theme: Polymerization catalysis –Current Status and Future Prospects-
2. Date: March 14 and 15, 2007
3. Venue: Kazusa Akademia Hall (Kisarazu City, Chiba, Japan)

4. Presenters:

Plenary lectures(two lecturers)

Prof. J-M Lehn (Louis Pasteur University, France)

-The 1987 Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry-

Prof. R.H. Grubbs (California Institute of Technology, U.S.A.)

-The 2005 Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry-

Invited lectures (eight lecturers)

Prof. R.F. Jordan (The University of Chicago, U.S.A)

Prof. L. Cavallo (Univeristy of Salerno, Italy)

Prof. H.R. Kricheldorf (University of Hamburg, Germany)

Dr. J. Stevens (The Dow Chemical Company, U.S.A.)

Prof. Kyoko Nozaki (The University of Tokyo, Japan)

Prof. Toshio Masuda (Kyoto University, Japan)

Mr. Eiji Tanaka (Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Corp., Japan)

Dr. Terunori Fujita (Research Fellow & General Manager, Catalysis Science Lab., Mitsui Chemicals, Japan)

5. Award Ceremony

Respective winners of the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”

6. Commemorative lectures

Respective winners of the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” and the “2007 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”